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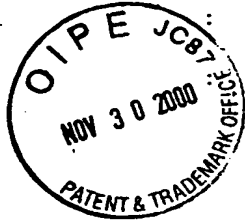
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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 28,
2000 NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

This Communication is filed in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 28, 2000 in connection with the above-identified application. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Notice provides a period of two months for filing a response. Therefore a response is due on November 28, 2000. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

The Notice indicates that the oath and declaration is unsigned. In response, applicants attach hereto as Exhibit B a Declaration and Power of Attorney pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63. The Declaration refers to the application's above-identified serial number and filing date.

The Notice indicates that applicants owe a \$130.00 surcharge under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e). In response, applicants enclose a check which includes this amount.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing

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prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.


No fee, other than the enclosed \$130.00 surcharge is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

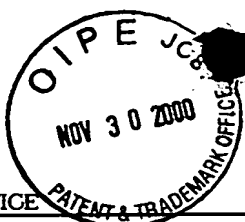
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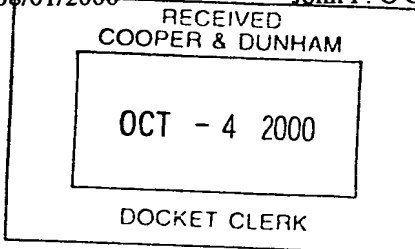


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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